

CLAIMS:

I claim:

1. A method comprising:
identifying a plurality of attributes for each of a plurality of users with data processing devices;
selecting a group of users having one or more common attributes;
receiving an inquiry generated by a first user, said inquiry having predetermined responses associated therewith;
transmitting said inquiry to said group of users;
receiving responses from one or more users in said group of users; and
forwarding said responses to said first user.
2. The method as in claim 1 wherein one of said attributes is a current geographical location of each of said users.
3. The method as in claim 1 wherein one of said attributes is a relative distance of each of said users from said first user.
4. The method as in claim 1 wherein one of said attributes is an age of each of said users.
5. The method as in claim 1 wherein one of said attributes is an occupation of each of said users.

6. The method as in claim 1 wherein one of said attributes is a sex of each of said users.

7. The method as in claim 1 wherein one of said attributes is a home address of each of said users.

8. The method as in claim 1 wherein said one of said attributes is that each user appears in said first user's buddy list.

9. The method as in claim 1 wherein one of said attributes is that each user appears in said first users address book.

10. A graphical user interface ("GUI") for generating an inquiry to be sent to a specified plurality of users comprising:

an inquiry region in which an inquiry may be typed;

an answer region in which a plurality of predetermined responses may be entered; and

a user selection region for selecting said plurality of users from a user list.

11. The GUI as in claim 10 wherein said list in said user selection region is generated based on one or more user characteristics specified by a first user.

12. The GUI as in claim 11 wherein said one or more characteristics includes a geographical location of each of said users.

13. The GUI as in claim 10 wherein said list in said user selection region comprises a buddy list of a user generating said inquiry.

14. The GUI as in claim 10 wherein said inquiry region is adjacent to said answer region.

15. The GUI as in claim 14 and said user selection region is adjacent to said answer region and said user selection region.

16. A method comprising:

collecting current geographical location data for a plurality of users on a wireless network;

transmitting said current geographical location data to a wireless device;
and

associating current geographical location data for each user with a corresponding user record in an application executed on said wireless device.

17. The method as in claim 16 further comprising:

displaying said geographical location data within each of said corresponding user records.

18. The method as in claim 16 further comprising:
refraining from transmitting said geographical location data for one or more users responsive to a request from said one or more of said users to refrain from transmitting said current geographical location data.
19. The method as in claim 16 further comprising:
transmitting said geographical location data to a specified set of wireless devices responsive to a request from one or more of said users to only transmit said current geographical location data to said specified set of wireless devices.
20. The method as in claim 16 wherein said application is an address book application.